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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

Institutional Support for MAJUIKAN Aquaculture Development
(MAL/79/018)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	February 1980
Starting date of project activities:	April 1980
Planned completion date:	May 1982
To be executed by:	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (MAJUIKAN)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$286 700
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Malaysia's marine fish resources are being rapidly depleted, hence the pressing need for the country to find alternative sources of fish protein. Aquaculture has great potential as a means of increasing the fish supply, but it is practiced only on a fairly small-scale in Malaysia. The Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (MAJUIKAN) wishes to demonstrate the viability of large-scale commercial aquaculture, and the purpose of this project is to develop MAJUIKAN's capacity to do so by strengthening its ability to design and manage aquaculture projects as well as to develop an aquaculture project near Kuala Lumpur as a training and demonstration centre for aquaculture projects.

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II. Objectives and activities

2. The project's long-term development objective is to accelerate the commercial development of aquaculture in Malaysia and to contribute to the achievement of the Government's objective of increasing the share of aquaculture from the present 3 per cent to 50 per cent of total fish landing over the next 20 years.

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) elaborate MAJUIKAN's aquaculture programme for the Fourth Malaysia Plan; (b) develop a methodology for the design of aquaculture projects within MAJUIKAN; (c) draw up a programme for the effective implementation of such projects; and (d) develop MAJUIKAN's aquaculture farm at Puchong, Selangor, as a demonstration and training centre, emphasizing in particular the development of MAJUIKAN's capabilities in the management of commercial aquaculture projects.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved, UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of a senior aquaculturist and a master fish farmer. The services of consultants will be provided in such fields as fisheries engineering, fish feeds and disease control.

5. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government will provide office space, national staff, and such facilities as are required to assist the activities of the experts.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	285,200
Miscellaneous	1,500
	286,700

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $598,032 in kind.